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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ABOUT WELFARE OF
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

1. MISSION RECEIVED FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL CABLE TODAY FROM
GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS, DAN WALKER:

2. " REQUEST HONORABLE BRUCE DOUGLAS, ILLINOIS REPRESENTATIVE,
BE GIVEN DIPLOMATIC PRIORITY FOR ASSISTANCE OF YOUR EMBASSY
DURING PRESENT EMERGENCY. PLEASE ADVISE."

3. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING REPLY TO GOVERNOR WALKER: ILLINOIS
REPRESENTATIVE BRUCE DOUGLAS AND HIS TEEN-AGE SON WERE IN
VIENTIANE AUGUST 20 ON THE DAY OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP. THEY REMAINED
IN THE EMBASSY, OR IN THE COMPANY OF AN EMBASSY OFFICER, DURING PART
OF THE MORNING WHEN THE REBELS WERE STILL ACTIVE. BECAUSE OF
COUP ATTEMPT, THEY WERE UNABLE TO DEPART VIENTIANE AS THEY
HAD PLANNED AFTERNOON AUGUST 20. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY STAYED OVER
NIGHT IN VIENTIANE AND DEPARTED AUGUST 21 VIA COMMERCIAL AIRLINE
FOR BANGKOK WHERE REPRESENTATIVE DOUGLAS WAS TO ATTEND WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION MEETING.
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